

King County Sheriff's Office Cold Case Homicides Squad



Cold Case Squad

- Sub-section of the Major Crime Unit
 - Two veteran detectives
 - One analyst, with prior homicide experience

Case Library

- 149 Homicides
- 74 Missing Person cases.



How we have been funded

- DOJ/NIJ Grant
- Started in 2009
- Renewed in 2011
- Just under \$500,000
 - Funding was requested for a year and ended up lasting about 18 months each time.



How it was.....

- Major Crimes Detectives would be assigned cold cases to work on “as time permits” in their day-to-day caseload.
- The problem becomes, -there is no free time within the day-to-day caseload.



What we do

- Investigation & follow up on cold case homicides.
- Investigation & follow up on missing person cases, that are likely homicides.
- Eye towards technology & proven investigation techniques.



Homicides

- **Detective:**
- Review evidence for submittal to crime lab
- Locate & Interview witnesses
- Conduct follow up investigation

- **Analyst:**
- Convert analog tape to digital for preservation purposes
- Scan 35 mm film to digital format for preservation
- Inherent knowledge of PNW murders



Missing Person Cases

- **Detectives:**
- Follow up investigation
- No-Body homicide cases
- **Analyst:**
- Check on status of DNA
 - Is it in the database
 - Is a secondary (or third) family reference sample needed.
 - Is the MPs case in the appropriate database(s)



Missing Person Cases

- **Analyst**

- Is the MP's case in the appropriate database(s)
 - WASIC & NCIC
 - NamUs
 - NCMEC
 - Charlie's Project
 - The KCSO Website



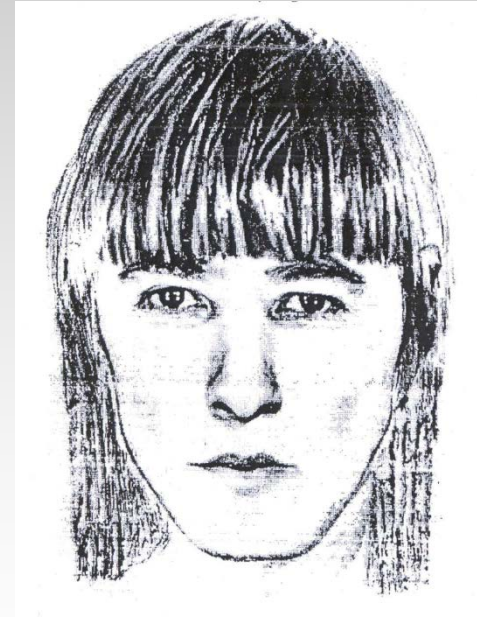
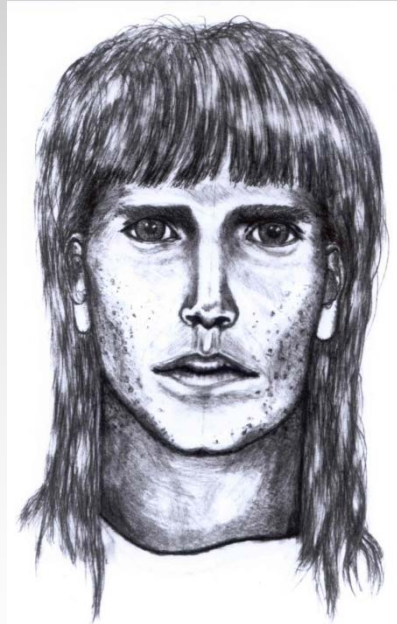
Case reviews

- Victim: Sarah Yarbrough
- Killed on school grounds in 1991.



Yarbrough Case

- We have suspect DNA on this case
- 3500+ tips in this case
 - All having been reviewed and categorized by the cold case analyst.



Yarbrough Case



Major Crimes Unit

Anna Marie Sheehan



King County Sheriff's Office



Sheehan Case



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Sheehan Case

- Suspect DNA, - which is in the National Database.
- Suspect “Profile” would suggest the suspect, among other things, was in his late teens to early 20s, knew the victim, and lived in the area. Strong possibility he is still alive.
- This is a solvable case.
 - Major investigative step this week.



Funding

- Based on the money used during the grant process, funding for the Cold Case Unit is at about \$320,000 for a year.
 - Two Detectives
 - One Analyst
 - Travel
 - Private lab work

As of now, our grant funding is due run out in a few months.



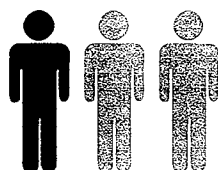
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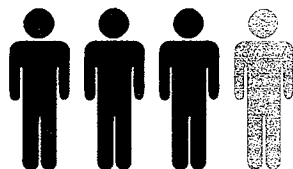


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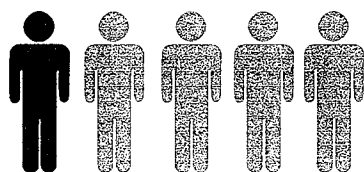
ALLIANCE FOR EQUAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE LEGAL HELP TO STRUGGLING KING COUNTY RESIDENTS.



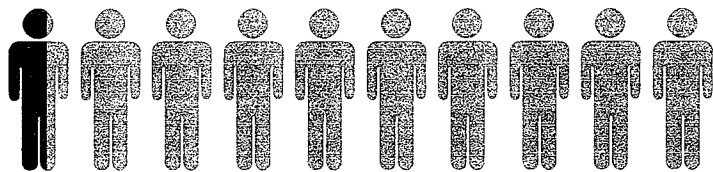
**ONE IN THREE PEOPLE
IN KING COUNTY IS
A PERSON OF COLOR.**



**THREE IN FOUR
LOW INCOME PEOPLE
FACE AT LEAST ONE
URGENT LEGAL PROBLEM
EACH YEAR.**



**ONE IN FIVE LOW
INCOME PEOPLE WITH
SERIOUS LEGAL
PROBLEMS WILL BE
HELPED.**



LEGAL AID IS ONE OF THE TOP MOST REQUESTED SERVICES AT KING COUNTY 2-1-1. SINCE 2008, REQUESTS FOR LEGAL AID HAVE INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY:

UNEMPLOYMENT ↑ 355%

BANKRUPTCY ↑ 490%

FORECLOSURE ↑ 131%

DISABILITY LIFELINE ↑ 617%

FOOD STAMPS ↑ 213%

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCACY ↑ 95%

NEARLY ONE IN TEN, OR ONE HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND KING COUNTY RESIDENTS, ARE LIVING UNDER THE FEDERAL POVERTY LINE.

ALLIANCE FOR EQUAL JUSTICE

LEGAL AID PROVIDES AND TEAMCHILD PROVIDES IMMEDIATE SUPPORT TO SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, ABUSE, AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. IT PROVIDES LEGAL AID FOR THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE KING COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION, AND THE KING COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION.

EASTSIDE LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:

PROVIDES CRITICAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION FOR LOW-INCOME SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

NORTHWEST IMMIGRANT RIGHTS PROJECT:

OFFERS IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES TO SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN KING COUNTY TO HELP VICTIMS BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT.

SEATTLE COMMUNITY LAW CENTER:

PROVIDES SOCIAL SECURITY ADVOCACY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WHO ARE HOMELESS OR LOW-INCOME SO THAT THEY MAY OBTAIN THE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO OVERCOME BARRIERS TO FINANCIAL AND MEDICAL STABILITY.

SOLID GROUND:

PROVIDES LEGAL HELP TO VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS WHOSE STATE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BENEFITS HAVE BEEN WRONGFULLY REDUCED, TERMINATED, OR DENIED.

TEAMCHILD:

CREATES IMMEDIATE COST SAVINGS IN JUVENILE JUSTICE BY ENSURING THAT YOUTH HAVE CRITICAL SUPPORT IN THE COMMUNITY, LIKE SCHOOL, TREATMENT AND HOUSING.

UNEMPLOYMENT LAW PROJECT:

PROVIDES LEGAL HELP TO PEOPLE SEEKING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS WHO MAY BE VETERANS, HOMELESS, FOOD-INSECURE OR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

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